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### RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed October 17, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response is initially due January 17, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Check for excess claims fees;
- Copy of 11 sheets of Formal Drawings, originals sent under separate cover to the Official Draftsperson; and
- Postcard.

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